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[Despatch Abstract.]

GROW MORE FOOD : WELL SUBSIDY SCHEME : LAND COLONISATION SOCIETIE GRANT OF SUBSIDIES TO COLONISTS : GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED GRANT OF SUBSIDIES TO VALKALAMATHAM CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY AND MEETUPATTI LAND COLONISATION SOCIETY : ORDERS PASSED.

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To
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Ref: No. V.Spl.11644/46.15 dated 5th April 1948.

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Sub: GROW MORE FOOD - Well Subsidy Schemes - (North Arcot) - The Valkalanatham Co-operative Society - Sinking of wells - Grant of subsidy - Board's remarks - Submitted.

Ref: (1). Board's Ref: No.V.Spl.11644/46.11 dated 26th July 1947
(2) Board's Ref: No.V.Spl.11644/46.14 dated 17th October 1947
(3) Government Memorandum No.3162-GE/46.16 Revenue dated the 15th December 1947

REFERENCE:

The Board has considered the question at the meeting of the Provincial Grow More Food Committee of which the Registrar of Co-operative Societies is a member. The special factors for consideation in respect of the grant of subsidies for sinking wells in lands occupied by Land Colonisation Societies, namely, that the lands granted to these societies belong wholly to the Government, that no subsidy could be granted under the New Well Subsidy Scheme as in that scheme the subsidies granted as loan in the first instance on the security of the lands to be benefitted, that the colonists have no proprietary interests on the lands cultivated by them and that they cannot offer their land as security were considered by the Committee. It, however, felt that it was highly desirable to encourage well sinking for agricultural purposes in the colonies. It accordingly resolved

> That in the matter of granting subsidies for wells, Land Colonisation Scoeties could be treated as if they were individuals and granted subsidies subject to the condition that the Societies should be held responsible for the successful completion of the wells, and that if there was a ~~bea~~ breach of any of the conditions the subsidy should be recovered from the Society concerned. It was also resolved that the above conditions should be attached to the grant of subsidies so that the Societies might take sufficient interest for the successful completion of the wells and that they money required to complete a well excluding the subsidy should be found by the Societies themselves either from their own funds or from the contribution given by the colonists.

2. The Board agrees with the resolutions of the Provincial Grow More Food Committee and recommends that the procedure indicated therein may be followed in the matter of the grant of subsidies for wells in lands occupied by Land Colonistation Societies in general and also in respect of the well in the Valkalanatham Co-operative Society.

Sd/.
for Joint Secretary.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Abstract

GROW MORE FOOD - Well Subsidy Scheme - Land colonisation Societies - Grant of subsidies to colonists - General instructions issued - Grant of subsidies to Valkalanatham Co-operative Society and Mettupatti Land Colnization Society - Orders passed.

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Revenue Department

G.O. (Ms) No. 1961. Dated, the 14th August 1948

READ - the following:

From the Registrar of Co-operative Societies letter No. R.C. 10404/45-M.1 dated 21st June 1946.
From the Board of Revenue, Res. Rt. 5405 dated 11th October 1946
From the Board of Revenue, Ref: No.V.Spl.11644/46-11 dated 26th July 1947
From the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Letter No. 10404/45-V.I dated the 14th August 1947.
From the Board of Revenue, Ref: No.V.Spl.11644/46-14 dated the 17th October 1947
From the Board of Revenue, Res. Rt. No. 1198 dated the 1st March 1948.
From the Board of Revenue, Ref: No. V.Spl. 11644/46-15 dated the 5th April 1948.
From the Board of Revenue, Ref: No. V.Spl.3291/47.2 dated the 5th April 1948.

ORDER:

In the circumstances reported, the Government accept the recommendation of the Board of Revenue that in the matter of granting subsidies under the New Well Subsidy Scheme sanctioned for 1948-49 in G.O. No. 1082 Revenue dated 6th May 1948 for wells in lands occupied by the Land Colonisation Societies, the societies should be treated as if they were individuals and granted subsidies subject to the following conditions:-

(1). that the societies should be held responsible for the successful compleition of wells; and

(2) that if there is a breach of any of the conditions laid down in G.O. No. 1082 Rev. dated the 6th May 1948, the subsidy should be recovered from the society concerned.

They also agree with the Board of Revenue that the above conditions should be incorporated in the order sanctioning the subsidy to \$hteat the societies may take sufficient interest for the successful completion of the wells. The money required to complete a well excluding the subsidies should be found by the societies themselves either from their own funds or from the contribution given by the colonists.

2. The procedure prescribed in paragraph 1 above should be followed in respect of the Mettupatti Land Colonisation Society, Salem District.

3. As regards the eleven colonists of the Valkalanatham Co-operative Society, North Arcot District, the Government observe that the well works have already been commenced and hence they are not ordinarily eligible for subsidy under the new Well Subsidy Scheme extended for 1948-49 in G.O. 1082 Rev. dated the 6th May 1948. They, however, sanction, as a special case, the grant of subsidy-loans to these eleven clonists. In granting the subsidy-loans, the procedure prescribed in paragraph 1 above should be followed.

4. With reference to the suggestion contained in its Res. Rt. 1198 dated 1st March 1948, the Board of Revenue is requested to submit proposals to the Government whtin two weeks regarding the maximum number of wells for which subsidy may be granted in the case of (a) individuals, (b) co-operative colonies and (c) companies like Agricultural Farms, Ltd., etc.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

V.K. RAO
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
To the Registrar of Co-operative Societies.
To the Accountant-General, through Finance.
To the Collector of North Arcot (para 1 and 3 only)
To the Collector of Salem (paras 1 and 2 only)
To all Collectors except the Collector of Madras.)
Copy to Development Department.)
Copy to Director of Agriculture.)
Copy to Finance (Ways & Means))
Copy to Food Department.)
Copy to Secretary, Ceded Dts.Economic Dev. Board.) para 1 only.
Copy to Hindu Religious Endowments Board.)
Copy to Finance (Exp.A))
Copy to Regional Food Commissioner, Madras.)

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

This file relates to the question of granting subsidies for wells sunk by the colonists of the Valakalanatham Co-opt. Society. On the proposals made by the Registrar of Co-opt.Societies, for the grant of Rs. 2,400 to the members of the Society for sinking wells in the ~~ele~~ colony the Govt. in G.O. (Ms) No. 1147 Dev. dated 19-3-1946 directed that the members of the Society might be ~~direc~~ instructed to apply to the Collector of North Arcot for a subsidy under the Scheme for sinking of the wells. But by the time the applications came up for sanction before the Board, there was no time for according sanction before the last date for sanctioning subsidies under the Accelerated Scheme, viz. 15-6-1948. The Board therefore directed that the matter should be dropped.

2. TheR.C.S. thereupon represented that the colonists had sunk the wells by raising temporary loans elsewhere in anitiapation of the subsidy being made available to them and that it would be hard on them if they were to be ordered to shoulder the debts. The matter was therefore examined in consultation with the Board. The Board recommended as a measure of equity that subsidy under the new scheme might be granted as an exceptional case to the eleven colonists subject to the condition that the colonists had no right whatever over the wells. For the reasons stated in his letter on pp 21-22, the R.C.S. recommended that the entire cost of the wells might be borne by the Govt. This Deptt. suggested that it would be more appropriate if a sum equivalent to the subsidy admissible under the New Well Subsidy scheme was given and that the amount might be disbursed through the Co-opt. Society which should see that the ryots concerned complete the wells. It was also suggested that an undertaking should be obtained from the Society and the ryots that they had no claim on the wells. The Dev. Deptt, however, pointed out that the ultimate idea in the minds of the colonists in undertaking to pay half the cost of the wells might be that the lands would become theirs on some future date, that these colonists were poor ex-toddy tappers, that the money to be paid by them would be required very badly for their day-to-day existence, that at a latter date it might be urged that these poor colonists in strained circumstances came forward to pay half the cost of the wells and that if the money had been utilised by them on any other land it would have enabled them to put by sufficient amounts to purchase some other land. The Board was again consulted - please see the Memo on pp 27-28 c.f. The Board's report is on p. 29 c.f.

3. The Board has re-examined the whole question. The question was also considered at the meeting of the Provincial Grow More Food Committee of which the R.C.S. is a member. The lands granted to the Land Colonisation Socities belong wholly to the Government. Under the New Well Subsidy Scheme, subsidies were granted first as loans to be converted later into subsidies on satisfactory completion of the work. Before the subsidy loan is granted, the ryot is required to furnish adequate security. The clonists have no proprietary interests in the lands cultivated by them. The Committee, however, felt that it was highly desirable to encourage well sinking for agricultural purposes in the clonies. It accordingly resolved that in the matter of granting subsidies for wells, land colonisation societies should be treated as if they were individuals and granted subsidies subject to the conditions that the societies should be held responsible for the successful completion of the wells, and that if there was a breach of any of the conditions the subsidy should be recovered from the society concerned. It was also resolved that the above conditions should be attached to the grant of subsidies so that the societies might take sufficient interest for the successful completion of the wells and that the money required to complete a well excluding the subsidy should be found by the Societies themselves either from their own funds or from the contribution given by the clonists. The Board of Revenue agrees with the resolutions of the Provincial G.M.F. Committee and has recommended that the procedure indicated therein may be followed in the matter of the grant of subsidies for wells in lands occupied by Land Colonisation Societies in general and also in respect of the wells in the Valakalanatham Co-opt. Society in particular.

It may be presumed that as the Regr. of Co-opt. Societies is also

a member of the Committee, he is also in general agreement with the resolutions of the Committee. For orders whether this Dept. may accept the procedure suggested in para 3 on p. 14 (above).

4. In his letter dated 15-9-1947, the Collector ofSalem has submitted the case of the clonists of Mettupatti Land Clonisation Society. The Board has recommended that the procedure mentioned in para 3 on p.14 above may be followed in respect of these colonists also. The Board's recommendation may be accepted.

5. The remarks of Dev. and Finance may be invited.

We may accept the recommendation of the Bd. in its Ref; on p.29, c.f. in the matter of grant of subsidies for lands occupied by Land Colonisation Societies in general.

As regards the Valakalanatham Land Colonisation Co-opt.Socy dealt with in this file, it is reported that the well works had already commenced and the construction has reached a certain stage - please see Statement on pp 19-20 c.f. see also pp 24 and 26 c.f. Under the existing orders before the well works are started, the sites have to be inspected and approved by the Rev. authorities. Thus these works will not be eligible for subsidies under the existing orders. They have to be treated as special cases and subsidies sanctioned subject to the condition mentioned at Z on p. 14 ante.

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V.K.R(ao)/10.5.48
Dy.Secretary.

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

Please see this Deptt.'s previous notes on pp 10-12 above. Rev. note on pp 12-14 above. The G.M.F. Committee's resolution at Z on p.14 above was agreed to by the Bd. As the R.C.S. was also in the Committee it may be presumed that he is in general agreement with the resolution. This Deptt. may therefore agree with Rev. Deptt. as at M on p. 15 above. After orders are passed the file may be passed to Fin.

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C.V.N(arasimhan)/15.5.48
Dy.Secretary.

FINANCE DEPTT.

The notes from the portion marked XX on p. 12 above may be read. In the circumstances stated, the proposal of Rev. at M on p. 15 above may be agreed to in Finance.

As the New Well Subsidy Scheme does not at present provide for the grant of subsidies for sinking of wells to clonists through the Land Colonisation Co-opt. Societies, Rev. may be requested to take orders in circulation including H.M. (Fin.)

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T.N.S.R(aghavan)/21.5.48
Secretary.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Please see the notes from the portion marked XX on p. 12 above. A draft orders is submitted for approval.

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V.K.R/1.6.1948

P.S.V(iswanatha Aiyar)/2.6.1948
Secretary

K(Ila) V(enkata) R(ao)/5.6.
H.M. (L.R.)

B.G(opala) R(eddi)/ 10.6.
H.M.(Fin)

A limit for the maximum number of wells for which a subsidy can be sanctioned to each society as also to each individual should be fixed.

Has such a limit been fixed in respect of individuals applying for subsidies?

O.P.R(amaswami Reddiar)/12.6
H.Pr.

REVENUE DEPTT.

Please see the minutes of H.Pr. above.

2. No limit has been fixed restricting the number or wells to which subsidy will be given to any individual applying for subsidies. The Bd. of Rev. in another connection, proposed that the number of grants for new wells to rich pattadars having extensive areas in single villages should be restricted to a maximum and that this provision need not, however, be made applicable to companies like agricultural farms Ltd., or co-operative colonies. This Deptt. proposed that no limit need be laid down re: the no. of wells for which an individual can get subsidy and Fin. have agreed with this Deptt. For orders whether with ref. to H.Pr's minutes above, the Bd's proposal to fix a maximum may be agreed to in general. Perhaps instead of leaving it to the Bd. to fix details, the Bd. may be asked to submit proposals to Govt. for their approval re: the maximum no. of wells for which subsidy may be granted to each individual, society, agricultural farms, ltd., etc. Subject to orders, para has been added to the draft order and it is for approval.

Dev. and Fin. may see before circulation.

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It is respectfully submitted that the object underlying the well subsidy schemes is to ~~be~~ bring as large an area as possible under irrigation within a comparatively short time and thus ensure the production of more food grains. The Govt. should therefore give not merely help to those that need it but inducement to all to sink as many wells as possible. If well-to-do ryots come forward to take advantage of the scheme and sink a large number of wells, it is all to the good because more area will thus be brought under irrigation. For this reason, it was thought that no limit need be set to the number of wells for which an individual may be given subsidy. It is for orders whether this practice may continue or whether it will be considered necessary to fix a limit as minuted by H.Pr. at pp 16-17 ante. If it is considered necessary to have a limit, such limit may also be indicated in the case (a) individuals (b) co-operative colonies and (c) companies like agricultural farms, Ltd.

V.K.R/9.7.1948

Let H.Pr. see first.
K.V.R/28.7
H.M.(L.R.)

Ask the Board to submit detailed proposals for fixing limits within two weeks.
O.P.R/6.8
H.Pr.

May be submitted to H.M.(L.R.) for perusal of the minutes f H.Pr.

xx/6.8. V.K.R/6.8.
K.V.R/7.8.
H.M.(L.R)

REVE. DEPTT.

With ref. to the Dy.Secretary's note and the orders in circulation on p. 18 ante, para 4 of the draft order has been suitably amended in pencil. (It will be inked after approval). The draft may issue.

After issue necessary extracts will be taken from this file to watch the receipt of the Board's proposals.

2. Dev. & Fin. may see the case after issue.

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V.K.R/10.8.

DEV. DEPTT.

This Deptt. last saw the file on p. 17 above. Subsequent notes of Rev. Deptt. and the draft order below may be perused and the file passed on to Finance.

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C.V.N/4.8.48
Dy.Secy,

FIN. (EX.A) DEPTT.

/Previous Fin. note on p. 16 above.Ø

The further notes of Rev. on pp 16-19 above including the minutes of H.Pr. and the draft order below may be perused and the case returned to Rev.

xx/12.8.48
A.D.S

REVE. DEPTT.

Please see the notes above. The draft order may now issue.

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V.K.R/13.8.48
Dy.Secy.

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